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1. The critical food situation is causing growing dissatisfaction and unrest among the working masses in industrial centers. The most significant thing about these disturbances is the fact that probably, for the first time since 1945, instead of sporadic workers' resistance, the Communists are faced now with organized mass protests and strikes.
2. Thus in the textile center of Zyrardow the majority of the workers went on strike on 22-23 Aug 51. This was followed by a similar mass protest strike in the Ursus tractor factory in Warsaw on 24-25 Aug 51. The workers of the paper factory in Jozefowo followed suit on 27 Aug 51. At about the same time serious disorders were reported from the textile center in Lodz, where, during a Communist parade, the workers protested against the acute food shortage. In Zyrardow the workers returned to work only after the authorities had hurried emergency meat supplies to the town for distribution.
3. Faced with such spontaneously organized mass riots, the Communist Regime found itself in a dangerous situation where the disturbances could not be suppressed by terror methods. The authorities tried to calm down the workers with new promises or to frighten them with threats, but to no avail. They could not possibly apply the sanctions provided by the Work Discipline Law against thousands of workers and were compelled to comply, at least temporarily, with their demands."

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